Completion of roads under CRF

2990. DR. VIJAY MALLYA:
SHRI LALIT SURI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 625 roads were approved under Central Road Fund (CRF) scheme;

(b) if so, the parameters adopted by Government to include these roads under (CRF) scheme;

(c) the total funds released so far, for its execution;

(d) whether there is a deadline for the completion of these roads; and

(e) if so, by when the works would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) The Government, since 2000-01 and upto 31st July, 2006 has, under Central Road Fund (CRF) scheme approved 3932 projects amounting to Rs. 7559.61 crore for improvement of State roads of various States and Union territories. The Government has formulated guidelines for approval of works under this scheme. The guidelines provide, *inter alia,* for approval of improvement of a State Highway, Major District Road and other roads of importance excluding rural roads. The projects under this scheme need to be identified with a view to have balanced development of the road network in the entire State.

(c) to (e) Since 2000-01 and upto 31st July, 2006, a sum of Rs. 4668.99 crore has been released to the States/UTs for improvement of State roads under CRF scheme. The development of State roads funded under this scheme is a continuous process and, therefore, no specific time-frame can be given. However, the guidelines provide that the completion period of individual project is not to exceed 24 months including period of tendering.

Four laning of national highway towards Mundra Port

2991. SHRI SURYAKANTBHAI ACHARYA:
SHRI VIJAYKUMAR RUPANI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state: